1 HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 BRAINWAVE SCIENCE, INC., 11 Plaintiff, Case No. 2:20-cv-01481-RAJ 12 v. ORDER GRANTING MOTION 13 TO DISMISS NEURO SCIENCE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 16 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Ronald J. Kirkendorfer's 17 Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Notice of Service (Dkt. #21). For the reasons below, the 18 Court **GRANTS** the motion. 19 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 requires a complaint to be served on a defendant 20 within 90 days after it is filed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). If it is not, the court must dismiss 21 the action without prejudice against that defendant. *Id.* 22 Here, Plaintiff Brainwave Science Inc. ("Brainwave") filed an amended complaint 23 on October 8, 2020. Dkt. # 6. Because Brainwave failed to timely serve Defendant 24 Neuro Science Technologies LLC ("Neuro Science"), the Court, after issuing an order to 25 show cause, dismissed Neuro Science without prejudice. Dkt. # 20. That left Mr. 26 Kirkendorfer as the sole remaining defendant in this action. Now, Mr. Kirkendorfer 27 28 ORDER - 1

moves to dismiss the complaint as to him, arguing that as of April 8, 2021—six months after the complaint was filed—he has still not been properly served. Dkt. # 21. In its response, Brainwave admits that it has not served Mr. Kirkendorfer and "agrees that the claims against him may be dismissed on this basis." Dkt. # 31.

Given that Brainwave has failed to timely serve Mr. Kirkendorfer under Rule 4(m), the Court **GRANTS** Mr. Kirkendorfer's motion to dismiss (Dkt. # 21) and **DISMISSES** him without prejudice. Mr. Kirkendorfer's earlier motion to dismiss (Dkt. # 12) is **DENIED** as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2021.

The Honorable Richard A. Jones United States District Judge

Richard A Jones